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Detailed Schedule for Roaring Twenties Concert and Garden Party at Chatham Manor An NPS Centennial Event

FREDERICKSBURG, VA — Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park is excited to announce further details for its upcoming “Roaring Twenties” garden party and jazz concert from 1:00-8:00 p.m. on August 6, 2016.

Between 1:00-4:30 p.m., 1920s era living historians in period clothes and classic cars will be demonstrating the era’s fashions and lifestyles, and the park will offer children’s activities to accompany the impressions. Walking tours and talks will explore the 1920s at Chatham and the park’s creation in 1927, and a jazz concert and dancing will finish off the evening at 6:00p.m.

1:00 p.m. Creating a Park (25-minute long talk)

Join Historian Beth Parnicza for a conversation about the founding of the park and the era’s trends that contributed to its creation.

2:00 p.m. The Devores’ Chatham (30-40 minute walking tour)

Historian Becky Oakes will explore Chatham, inside and out, as envisioned and shaped by Helen and Daniel Devore, who revitalized the home and grounds in the 1920s.

3:00 p.m. Chatham’s Gardens (30-40 minute walking tour)

Chief Historian John Hennessy will delve into the history of Chatham’s remarkable gardens, designed by famed landscape architect Ellen Shipman in the early 1920s.

4:30-5:30 p.m. Picnic Dinner on the Grounds

Pack a dinner in your own basket to join us on the grounds for a picnic. A prize will be awarded for the “Best Basket”!

5:15-5:45 p.m. 1920s Dance Lessons

Want to brush up on your Charleston? Join us on the river side of Chatham for free 1920s dance lessons.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Capital Focus Jazz Band

Listen to the smooth sounds of the Capital Focus Jazz Band from Washington, DC, or kick up your heels on the dance floor! Please bring your own lawn chair.

This program is free and open to the public. 1920s-style costumes are encouraged. Bring a lawn chair for the concert, and pack your own picnic dinner and blanket to bridge the afternoon programs with the evening concert. The Friends of Chatham will present a prize for the best picnic basket.

Please note that this is an alcohol-free event. The Friends of Chatham will provide punch and water.

For more information, check out our website at www.nps.gov/frsp or call (540) 693-3200.

In August 2016, the National Park Service turns 100 years old. Famous for its preservation of national treasures, the NPS is home to hundreds of historic sites that collectively help tell our nation's story. Congress created Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park in 1927, at the height of the “Roaring Twenties.” The garden party on August 6 recalls those days.



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